

Dear FCC,

I am concerned about the trend to merge media companies across the country and create a few large conglomerates from many smaller independent companies. This idea is very, very frightening to me. Local news coverage virtually disappears. In the event of a local emergency the resulting lack of coverage can be devastating to life and property. Media big business can more easily be controlled by government factions with political agenda's offering promises of favorable legislation. Government can more easily be controlled and influenced by the media big business which could be detrimental to the majority's interest.

I am already very concerned that the media is heavily influenced by special interest and government. If not then why haven't we heard about collateral damage from the gulf war and the number of civilian deaths and injuries? Why haven't we heard about progress to force radioactive tests in Iraq to document the effects of depleted uranium used in most of the bombs and munitions fired on Iraq. If this trend should continue, we the people of this once great country will have no way to maintain the freedom guaranteed us in our world famous constitution because we will never know what changes are being made by the government and big business until it's too late.

In light of these developments not only is the government no longer by the people and for the people but the media that kept us aware of the news will never report the most important news effecting our lives one way or the other.

What are you thinking???